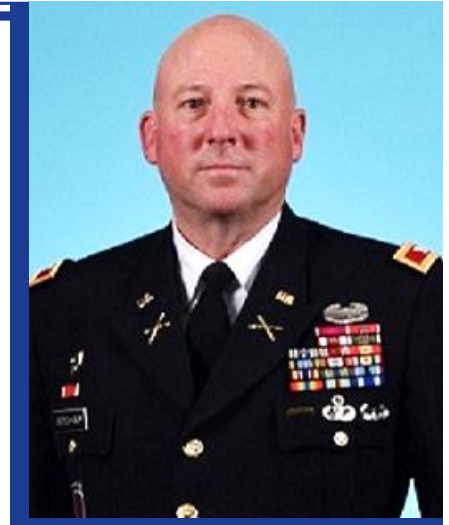


## **COL MICHAEL THOMAS OESCHGER**

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In 1986, COL M. T. "Mike" Oeschger enlisted in the Army as an Infantry Airborne Ranger. He served as a Weapons Squad Leader in the 3d Ranger Battalion and a Light Infantry Platoon Leader in the North Carolina National Guard before being commissioned in Field Artillery from Appalachian State University.

COL Oeschger has served in the 2d Infantry Division, the 10th Mountain Division, the 82d Airborne Division, the 101st Airborne Division, the 4th Infantry Division and the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC). He has served in Field Artillery fire direction, and fire support positions at detachment, battery, battalion, division artillery and division levels. He was a fire support controller at JRTC.

COL Oeschger commanded a field artillery target acquisition detachment, an airborne 105mm howitzer battery, a 105mm/155mm composite battalion in combat in Afghanistan, a battalion training and transition team in combat in Iraq, a Army training and transition battalion in combat in Afghanistan, the 1st Brigade Combat Team (Rear), 101st Airborne Division and the 3d Brigade Combat Team (Provisional), 10th Mountain Division. Additionally, he commanded the 82d Airborne Division Advanced Airborne School.

COL Oeschger graduated from the U.S. Army War College and holds Masters Degrees in Strategic Studies and Emergency Management and Disaster Relief.

COL Oeschger's most recent assignment was in Fort Carson where he commanded the 4th Infantry Division DIVARTY.



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